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William Eyre, Gent.

Bayliff of the Burrough of S O U T H W A R K.

TH E Mayor, Commonalty, and Citizens of the City of *London* being seized of the Franchise of the said *Burrough* in the Year 1664. by an Instrument under their Common Seal, did Grant unto the said *Eyre* the Execution and Return of all Writs, Mandates, and Process whatsoever, to be Executed within the said *Burrough* and Liberties thereof, with all Fees to be due for the same; and also then made him a Lease of their Prison there called the *Comptor*, and Granted him all Fees due for Prisoners to be committed to the same, under the Rent of 50 l. per *Annum*, with a Covenant therein for him to pay several other Payments, amounting to 40 l. per *Annum* more, in all 90 l. per *Annum*, which the said *Eyre* hath hitherto Enjoyed.

That a Bill is brought into the House of Commons, for Erecting of a *Court of Conscience* within the said *Burrough*, and all other Places about the said City, within the Weekly Bills of Mortality; and by that Bill new Officers are appointed to Execute all Writs and Process to be Issued out of the same Court, and they to Receive the Fees for the same. Which Bill, if so Passed, will take from the said *Eyre* the greatest part of the Fees to him Granted, as aforesaid, and he nevertheless Compelled to Pay his said Rent, which would be very Hard and Injurious; and besides, would take away a great Part of the City of *London*'s Franchise.

Whereupon *Eyre* hath put in his Petition to the said House of Commons to be Considered and Relieved, or that a Day may be appointed him to be heard by his Council at the Bar of the said House, before the Passing of the said Bill.